



## **BEARFACTS 1996 – 2006**

### **Middlesex , Massachusetts [25017]**

Middlesex is one of 14 counties in Massachusetts. It is part of the [Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, MA-NH \(MSA\)](#). Its 2006 population of 1,466,744 ranked 1st in the state.

#### **PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME**

In 2006 Middlesex had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$55,555. This PCPI ranked 2nd in the state and was 120 percent of the state average, \$46,299, and 151 percent of the national average, \$36,714. The 2006 PCPI reflected an increase of 6.8 percent from 2005. The 2005-2006 state change was 6.2 percent and the national change was 5.6 percent. In 1996 the PCPI of Middlesex was \$34,096 and ranked 3rd in the state. The 1996-2006 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 5.0 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 4.8 percent and for the nation was 4.3 percent.

#### **TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME**

In 2006 Middlesex had a total personal income (TPI) of \$81,484,616\*. This TPI ranked 1st in the state and accounted for 27.4 percent of the state total. In 1996 the TPI of Middlesex was \$48,812,999\* and ranked 1st in the state. The 2006 TPI reflected an increase of 7.0 percent from 2005. The 2005-2006 state change was 6.2 percent and the national change was 6.7 percent. The 1996-2006 average annual growth rate of TPI was 5.3 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.2 percent and for the nation was 5.4 percent.

#### **COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME**

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Middlesex. In 2006 net earnings accounted for 70.5 percent of TPI (compared with 71.1 in 1996); dividends, interest, and rent were 20.0 percent (compared with 19.2 in 1996); and personal current transfer receipts were 9.6 percent (compared with 9.7 in 1996). From 2005 to 2006 net earnings increased 5.3 percent; dividends, interest, and rent increased 13.8 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 6.2 percent. From 1996 to 2006 net earnings increased on average 5.2 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 5.7 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 5.1 percent.

#### **EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK**

Earnings of persons employed in Middlesex increased from \$64,835,001\* in 2005 to \$68,204,901\* in 2006, an increase of 5.2 percent. The 2005-2006 state change was 5.1 percent and the national change was 5.7 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1996 estimate of \$39,531,423\* to the 2006 estimate was 5.6 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.3 percent and for the nation was 5.5 percent.

*\*Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.*

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